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TROUTMAN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2019

The regular meeting of the Town of Troutman Town Council was held in the Troutman Town Hall, 400 North Eastway Drive, North Carolina on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with the Mayor Pro Tempore Paul Henkel. presiding.

Council Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem W. Paul Henkel; Sally P. Williams; Judy Jablonski; Paul R. Bryant; Janith J. Huffman

Council Members Absent: Mayor Teross W. Young, Jr.

Staff Present: Steven H. Shealy, Finance Director; Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk; Darrin Payne, Interim Police Chief; Gary W. Thomas, Town Attorney

Press Present: Debbie Page, SVL Free News

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE W. PAUL HENKEL CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

ITEM 1. MAYOR PRO TEM HENKEL WELCOMED VISITORS AND GUESTS

ITEM 2. INVOCATION – Pastor Dan Hazen, New Perth ARP Church, Troutman

ITEM 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM 4. ADJUSTMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(*)Addition: Add as new Item number 14. Under the additional heading of New Business: “Consider Appointment of Interim Town Manager”; and add as new Item number 15. “Consider Approval of Employment Agreement between the Town of Troutman and Interim Town Manager”

Upon motion by Council member Henkel, seconded by Council member Bryant, and unanimously carried, the October 10, 2019 meeting agenda was approved as amended.

CONSENT AGENDA: *Items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be approved with one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless the Mayor or a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item under New Business.*

ITEM 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA BRIEFING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 09, 2019

ITEM 6. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 09, 2019

ITEM 7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

ITEM 8. ANNEXATION REQUEST (AX-19-02)(NON-CONTIGUOUS) Applicant(s): MPV Troutman Investors, LLC; 30.27 (+/-) acres; PIN 4750113122, (Charlotte Hwy/US 21)

- a. Adoption of Resolution 12-19 Titled: “Resolution Directing The Clerk To Investigate A Petition Received Under Article 4A Of G.S. 160A”
- b. Approval of Certificate of Sufficiency
- c. Adoption of Resolution 13-19 Titled: “Resolution Fixing Date Of Public Hearing On Question Of (Non-Contiguous) Annexation Pursuant To Article 4A Of G.S. 160A” (Setting Public Hearing Date of November 07, 2019)

ITEM 9. APPROVAL OF DESTRUCTION OF TOWN OF TROUTMAN RECORDS/FILE INVENTORY

Upon motion by Council member Bryant, seconded by Council member Williams, and unanimously carried, October 10, 2019 Consent Agenda Items was approved as presented.

(Copied in full, Resolution 12-19 is filed in Resolution Book IV, Page 14)

(Copied in full, Resolution 13-19 is filed in Resolution Book IV, Page 15)

(Copied in full, Resolution 12-19, Certificate of Sufficiency, and Resolution 13-19, Inventory Destruction List is attached to and made part of these minutes and is filed on CD titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated October 7th and October 10th, 2019 in CD Book #1 titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents")

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

ITEM 13. INTRODUCTION OF JEAN BOSSER, IREDELL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRESIDENT & CEO, (Mayor Pro Tem Henkel)

Iredell Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), President & CEO Jean Bosser introduced herself to Council stating that she started with Iredell County Economic Development Corporation in August and has attended several Council meetings along with participating in NCDOT Charrette. In complimenting the Richardson Greenway, she commented that she appreciates the opportunity to be here and is excited and looking forward to work with Troutman and all the communities in Iredell County in retaining their character and maintaining the quality of life while helping to create new jobs.

Council member Bryant stated Council is looking forward in continuing to partner with IEDC in offering expansion and new job opportunities.

Mayor Pro Tem Henkel welcomed Ms. Bosser to Iredell County and thanked her for coming and introducing herself. He commented that he is very excited of all that is going on and as long as the economy stays strong, the Town will too.

ITEM 14. READING OF PROCLAMATION 05-19 DECLARING OCTOBER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, (Mayor Pro Tem Henkel)

Mayor Pro Tem Henkel read aloud Proclamation 05-19 previously signed by Mayor Teross Young declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. He stated that the Proclamation was officially presented at the Domestic Violence Breakfast held at Little Joe's Chapel on October 4th sponsored by Fifth Street Ministries where speakers presented statistics regarding domestic violence. The Proclamation urges all citizens to take a stand against domestic violence.

(Copied in full, Proclamation 05-19 is filed in Proclamation Book 1, Page 24 and is filed on CD titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents" dated October 7th and October 10th, 2019 in CD Book #1 titled: "Town Council Supporting Documents")

STANDING REPORTS

ITEM 12. J. HOYT HAYES MEMORIAL TROUTMAN LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT, (Kelli Goodwin, Branch Manager)

Ms. Kelli Goodwin, Manager presented the following monthly library report on current and upcoming programs and events:

- Distributed to Council "Save the Dates" for an open Community Forum to be held on Monday, October 28th at 5:30 pm. Dr. Robert Burgin to take input on how to improve library programs and services.

- Service Opportunity for students to receive 1 hour of community service for helping is this Saturday, October 12th at 11:00 am. This month we're making Kindness Rocks to spread a positive message around the community.
- New teen volunteer started last week to assist students with homework on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4:00-6:00 pm. Spots still available for children that need assistance. Contact the library to sign up.
- A new program has started for anyone needing more in depth, one-on-one assistance with technology. Assistance will be provided on the 1st Saturday of each month from 11:00-1:00 pm.
- Tales and Tunes will be held Tuesday, October 29th, at 4:00 pm. This is a special fall event featuring stories and songs presented by celebrated storyteller Sharon Clarke. We will journey together into the heart of the mountains with old tales from the oral tradition. This is an interactive program for the whole family sponsored by the Troutman Friends of the Library and the Town of Troutman.
- Alzheimer's Association will be presenting information on "Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior" and "Effective Communication Strategies" on November 5th and 19th at 5:30 pm. RSVP by calling the library.

ITEM 13. ABC STORE QUARTERLY REPORT, (Evelyn Walls, ABC Store General Manager)

Ms. Evelyn Walls, ABC Store General Manager presented the following ABC Store quarterly report stating that the 1st quarter of the fiscal year has continued on an upward trajectory. 1st Quarter net sales is \$417,471 compared to \$380,277 last year, an increase of \$37,194 or 9% up over last year's year to date. The monthly average in sale total \$139,157. 1st quarter net sales-\$417,477; cost of sales-\$218,537; operating expense-\$82,049; net profit for 1st quarter before distributions-\$30,339; Revenue budget for this year-\$1.62 million. Currently \$576,454.62 is owed on the building loan, (original loan was \$625,000). The stores new max allowed is \$421,495 with the store operating with an average of \$155,000 in inventory. Current working capital is \$338,738.32 and is down slightly from last month due to the following distributions:

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| • Town of Troutman | \$6,022.35 |
| • Troutman Parks & Rec. | \$1,505.58 |
| • Troutman ESC Park Fund | \$1,505.58 |
| • Troutman Friends of the Library | \$1,505.58 |
| • South Iredell High School | \$376.39 |
| • CATS | \$376.39 |
| • Troutman Elementary | \$376.39 |
| • Law Enforcement-Troutman PD | \$914.72 |
| • Alcohol Education (DACI) | \$1,280.60 |

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS AND GUESTS

The Public is invited to address the Town Council with comments or concerns. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per individual. Speakers are required to sign in at the podium and are required to adhere to Town Policy #51 titled: "Policy Governing Comments from the Public at Town Council Meetings". Speakers are asked to sign in at the podium.

- Mr. Jim McNiff addressed Council expressing that he is impressed with the level of passion that he see within all 6 Council members and the energy and enthusiasm at the staff table, but is sorely disappointed that Mr. Longino and Ms. Martin are no longer part of this Town.
- Mr. Bill Guzik addressed Council with concerns of density, traffic, overcrowding of schools, emergency response, and possible increase in taxes in regards to a possible development on Perry Road. Mayor Pro Tem Henkel thanked him for his comments and advised Mr. Guzik to contact George Berger, the Town Planner for information regarding the Town's process for approval (meeting and public hearing dates) inviting Mr. Guzik to come back during those times to express his concerns.

- On behalf of South Iredell High School (SIHS), Student Sarah Long, accompanied by classmates John Driver and Kathleen Moore addressed Town Council requesting permission to hold South Iredell's Annual Homecoming Parade on Monday, October 22nd at 6:00pm. Eastway Drive and Old Murdock Road will be utilized as the parade route ending at the Career Academy Technical School (CATS). Discussion was held and still to be determined where the parade is to be staged/begin (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church or Troutman Baptist Church).

Upon motion by Council member Huffman, seconded by Council member Jablonski, and unanimously carried, approved request from SIHS to hold Homecoming Parade on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6pm with the route as requested and staging of the parade at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

(*)NEW BUSINESS:

(*)ITEM 14. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM TOWN MANAGER, *(Mayor Pro Tem Henkel)*

Mayor Pro Tem Henkel asked for a motion for appointment of James W. Freeman as Interim Town Manager. He presented a brief professional background stating that Mr. Freeman is currently retired, but still fills in as Interim Town Manager for of cities/towns throughout the state. Mr. Freeman has 32+ years' experience as a Town Manager and was a Planner and a Community Development Official prior to. Appointment of Mr. Freeman would be a plus to the Town.

Upon motion by Council member Bryant, seconded by Council member Jablonski, and unanimously carried, approved to hire James W. (Jim) Freeman on a temporary basis as Interim Town Manager.

(*)ITEM 15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF TROUTMAN AND INTERIM TOWN MANAGER, *(Mayor Pro Tem Henkel)*

Upon motion by Council member Huffman, seconded by Council member Bryant, and unanimously carried, employment agreement between the Town of Troutman and Interim Town Manager James Freeman was approved.

Mr. Jim McNiff asked if the permanent Town Manager will be hired by the current Town Council or will Council wait until after the upcoming election when the new Council members are in place. Mayor Pro Tem Henkel responded by stating that with the election being relatively close he cannot see anything taking place until after the election. Council will be discussing next week to form an Ad hoc committee and discuss the process.

ITEM 16. COMMENTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYOR

- Mayor Pro Tem Henkel stated that he has had a request from several avid walkers who have expressed safety concerns regarding the lack of street lighting along Lytton Street between Talley Street and Goodman Road. He asked that Council members ride through the area to see for themselves. He requested that Council agree for him to meet with Interim Town Manager Jim Freeman and Finance Director Steve Shealy to do a study for possible lighting upgrades. Council member Bryant concurred that the Town needs to follow up with the request, but questioned as to who the responsibility should fall, suggesting it should be responsibility of the Planning Director George Berger. Council was in consensus to look into the request. Mayor Pro Tem Henkel commented that he will follow up with Mr. Shealy and Mr. Berger.

- Council member Williams thanked staff for all they do for the Town.

- In announcing that the new Police Chief Tina Fleming will be starting on Monday, October 14th, Mayor Pro Tem Henkel expressed appreciation to Interim Chief Darrin Payne for stepping in and a job well done. He also expressed appreciation for his dedication and expertise.

ITEM 15. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Finance Director Steve Shealy

- . Clarified that Chief Fleming will be starting on a part time basis on Monday and that she will begin full time in December. He too thanked Interim Chief Payne for filling in and stated that he will continue to help out during the transition.
- . Street paving project is underway and progress is being made with the removal of asphalt on Rimmer Farm Road that will be replace shortly, patching is underway on Winter Flake Drive, and then moving north to south throughout the Town with the streets selected with hope of completion before bad weather. FYI - Upcoming events, sponsored by Troutman Parks and Recreation:
 - October 19th-Wicked Fast 5K, 6pm at the downtown Depot. Registration is online at racerooster.com. Cost is \$18 which includes the race and t-shirt. Participants are encouraged to wear costumes.
 - October 25th-Movie in the Park, sponsored by Zootastic. The event is free of charge; concessions/food will be available for purchase. Movie to be shown is "Dumbo".
 - October 31st-Trails and Treats annual event, held on the walking trail at Troutman ESC Park from 4pm-6pm. The event is free of charge.
- . Update on Greenway South/sidewalk package – Project is still in process and on scheduled with the Charlotte Regional Transportation Organization (CRTPO). He will follow up with Planning Director George Berger to make sure it is still on track. He commented that it will probably be next year at the earliest before any dirt is turned. Per inquiry of the Talley Street sidewalk project, Mr. Shealy advised that it is part of the sidewalk package.

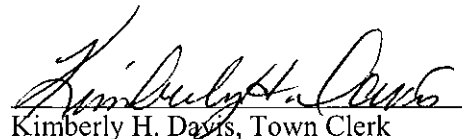
Interim Police Chief Darrin Payne

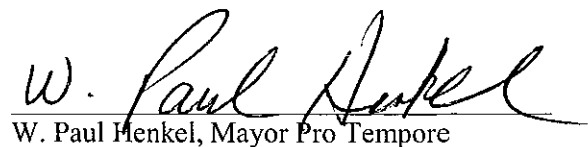
- . FYI – October 12th-2019 Alzheimer's Walk to be held at Troutman ESC Park, registration is at 8am. Walk-ins are welcome.

Reminder: Ms. Debbie Page with Statesville Free News announced that a Candidate Forum will be held on October 14th from 6-8 at Troutman Town Hall. The forum is sponsored by Statesville Free and the Chamber, and will be streaming live via Statesville Free News Facebook page. The forum is open to the public and the public can submit questions to be considered to be asked at the forum to Statesville Free News.

ITEM 21. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Council member Huffman, seconded by Council member Williams, and unanimously carried, the October 10, 2019 Town Council meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.


Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk


W. Paul Henkel, Mayor Pro Tempore

